

THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: J. MOGAARD-CHRISTENSEN  
Serial No.: 09/879,815  
Filed: June 13, 2001  
For: METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR...

Art Unit: 1733  
Confirmation No.: 4286  
Examiner: S. YAO  
Washington, D.C.  
Atty.'s Docket: CHRISTENSEN=1A  
Date: November 29, 2002

THE COMMISSIONER OF PATENTS AND TRADEMARKS  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an [XX] Amendment [ ]  
in the above-identified application.

- [ ] Small entity status of this application under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27 has been established by a verified statement previously submitted.  
[ ] A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.  
[ ] No additional fee is required.

The fee has been calculated as shown below:

	(Col. 1)		(Col. 2)		(Col. 3)		Small Entity		Other Than a Small Entity	
	Claims Remaining After Amendment		Highest No. Previously Paid For		Present Extra		Rate	Additional Fee		Rate
Total	22	Minus	22		0		x 9	\$		x18
Indep.	3	Minus	3		0		x42	\$		x84
First Presentation of Multiple Dependent Claim							140	\$		+280
TOTAL ADDITIONAL CLAIMS FEE								\$		Total

\* If the entry in Col. 1 is less than the entry in Col. 2, write "0" in Col. 3.

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\*\*\*\* The "Highest Number Previously Paid For" (total or independent) is the highest number found from the equivalent box in Col.1 of a prior amendment of the number of claims originally filed.

[XX] Conditional Petition for Extension of Time

If any extension of time for a response is required applicant requests that this be considered a petition therefor.

[XX] It is hereby petitioned for an extension of time in accordance with 37 CFR 1.136(a). The appropriate fee required by 37 CFR 1.17 is calculated as shown below:

Small Entity

Response Filed Within

[ ] First - \$ 55.00

[ ] Second - \$200.00

[ ] Third - \$460.00

[ ] Fourth - \$720.00

Other Than Small Entity

Response Filed Within

[ ] First - \$ 110.00

[ ] Second - \$ 400.00

[XX] Third - \$ 920.00

[ ] Fourth - \$1440.00

[ ] Less fees (\$ ) already paid for months extension of time on

[ ] Please charge my Deposit Account No. 02-4035 in the amount of \$ . A duplicate copy of this sheet is attached.

[ ] A check in the amount of \$ is attached (check no. ).

[XX] Credit Card Payment Form, PTO-2038, authorizing payment in the amount of \$ 920.00 is attached.

[XX] The Commissioner is hereby authorized and requested to charge any additional fees which may be required in connection with this application or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-4035. This authorization and request is not limited to payment of all fees associated with this communication, including any Extension of time fee, not covered by check or specific authorization, but is also intended to include all fees for the presentation of extra claims under 37 CFR Section 1.16 and all patent processing fees under 37 CFR Section 1.17 throughout the prosecution of the case. This blanket authorization does not include patent issue fees under 37 CFR Section 1.18.

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MANUFACTURING A DRY )  
FORMED FIBROUS WEB ... )

AMENDMENT

Honorable Commissioner for Patents  
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In response to the Office Action of  
May 29, 2002, for which a three-month extension of time  
to respond is hereby requested, please enter the  
following amendment:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claim 1 as follows:

1. (Amended) A process for manufacturing an  
absorbent dryformed paper web comprising:

laying a web of cellulose fibers, admixed with  
thermobonding fibers, onto a forming wire, wherein the  
thermobonding fibers comprise about 3 - 25 wt% of the  
total fiber content;

applying a binder, wherein the amount of dry  
matter in the binder is from about 0.5 - 15 wt% and the  
amount of dry matter applied to the surface of the web is

A1 <sup>SV</sup><sub>B7</sub> from about 0.5 - 40 g. of dry matter per square meter of web surface; and

heating the web to a temperature sufficient to melt the thermobonding fibers and increase the tensile strength of the finished product.

Please amend claim 2 as follows:

2. (Amended) The process according to claim 1 wherein the amount of dry matter in the binder is from about 0.5 - 15 wt%.

A2 <sup>SV</sup><sub>B7</sub> Please amend claim 8 as follows:

8. (Amended) The process according to claim 2 wherein said web comprises about 10 - 25 wt% thermobonding fibers and the amount of binder applied to the surface of the web is about 0.5 - 10 grams per square meter of web surface.

Please amend claim 9 as follows:

9. (Amended) The process according to claim 2 wherein said web comprises about 3 - 7 wt% of thermobonding fibers and the amount of binder applied to the surface of the web is about 5 - 20 grams per square meter of web surface.